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(54) USE OF A 7&agr;-METHYL-17&agr;-ETHYNYL-ESTRANE DERIVATIVE FOR THE TREATMENT OF ATHEROSCLEROSIS

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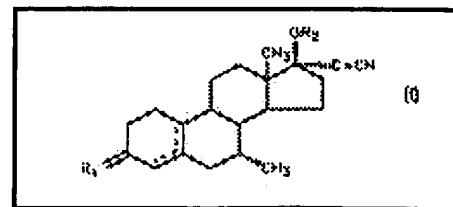
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Abstract

The invention relates to the use of a 7&agr;-methyl-17&agr;-ethynyl-estrane derivative having general formula (I) wherein R 1 = H(OR 3) or O; R 2 = H or (C 1-18)Acyl; R 3 = H or (C 1-18)Acyl; and the dotted line represents a double bond in the 4,5- or the 5,10-position for the manufacture of a medicament for the prophylaxis or the treatment of atherosclerosis.

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